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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices for next week were mostly trending higher in all areas. Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall ranged steady to firm. Demand entering the pre-holiday weekend increased to cover July 4th and first of the month needs, ranging fair to good. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to well cleared. Processing schedules were mixed with many plants running Saturday to compensate for downtime on Tuesday for the holiday. In the parts structure, trading was moderate to fairly good. Supplies of all items were in good balance to tight and moving well; however, tenders became more available. In production areas, live supplies were mostly moderate. Weights were desirable to light, but mostly desirable.

<u>Preliminary report</u> Prices negotated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 03-JUL-2006 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Inclu	(Including branded product)							
<u>AREAS</u>	MAJORITY	RANGE	<u>AVG</u>	LOADS				
Delivered to Firs	st Receivers							
Chicago	58.00-61.00	52.00-67.00	59.89	27				
New York	59.00-62.00							
Los Angeles	77.00							
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent								
Mississippi	69.00-70.00	58.00-79.00	69.35	89				

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 69.50 cents based on icepacked USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

<u>LOADS</u>	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WID. AVG.				
838	65.52-72.00	69.14				
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on						
ice-packed par	ts: WTD. AVG.	VOLUME				
ITEM	(CENTS PER POUNI	D) (000 POUNDS)				
LINE RUN TEN	IDERS 153.00	1,038				
RREASTS - R/S	1/5 50	1 850				

ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND) (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDER	RS 153.00	1,038
BREASTS - B/S	145.50	4,859
BREASTS - WHOLE	73.50	1,150
THIGH MEAT - B/S	85.00	960
LEG QUARTERS	36.00	7,599
WINGS	76.50	2,565

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

<u>SOUTHERN BROILER</u> Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall at least steady. Demand entering the holiday weekend was fair to active with increased trading to cover July 4th and first of the month needs. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to well cleared, instances tight and being sought. In the parts structure, interest was fair to good. Wings were better balanced to well cleared and moving. Breast items and dark meat were generally no more than adequate and also moving well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was moderate to good entering the pre-holiday weekend. Offerings of all sizes were adequate to well cleared for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was mostly moderate. The market tone ranged steady to instances firm. In the parts complex, tenders were at least adequate to available. Other items were generally in good balance and clearing satisfactorily.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were 1 cent higher throughout the region. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Early trading reported at unchanged to higher prices. Offerings were generally adequate for full trade needs. Retailer demand was best to cover holiday needs, otherwise moderate. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority in Chicago was 1 cent higher from Monday's majority all others were to few to report. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady to fully steady. Offerings were limited. Retail sales were moderate to good for the Independence Day holiday. Food service demand was light to mostly moderate; best into fast food were promoted. Floor stocks were adequate to at times short; weights mostly desirable. Parts inquiry was light to moderate on limited offerings. The market tone was steady to firm on all parts.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was good entering the pre-holiday weekend. Offerings were in irregular balance, but were adequate overall and clearing satisfactorily. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to light. Processor schedules were very heavy when combined with operations planned for Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher at 60 to 75 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, offerings were generally well balanced and clearing satisfactorily at most plants. Tenders were the exception being available and slow to clear.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY IINCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

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<u>B</u>	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
	57-76
	(A)
	(A)
06/26/06 - 06/30/06	(A)
06/27/06 - 07/01/05	(A)
06/26/06 - 06/30/06	(A)
06/27/06 - 07/01/05	(A)
	06/26/06 - 06/30/06 06/27/06 - 07/01/05 06/26/06 - 06/30/06

(A) NOT REPORTED TO AVOID DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS

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JUN 29		SO	UTHERN STA	TES BROI						JUN 30
F	POUNDS			<u>WTD</u>	POUNDS	5				WEEKLY
<u>ITEM</u>	<u>(000)</u>	RANGE	<u>MAJORITY</u>	AVG	(000)	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>	WTD AVG	<u>(000)</u>	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	630 128	3.00-175.00	130-135	137.10	618	128.00-175.00	130-135	137.27	3,253	136.59
TENDERLOINS	138 108	3.00-164.00	-	115.59	143	108.00-165.00	-	116.59	873	115.27
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO	D FEW TO RE	PORT		TC	O FEW TO REP	ORT		565	72.44
FRONT HALVES	TOO	FEW TO RE	PORT		TC	O FEW TO REP	ORT		300	67.40
LEGS	TOO	FEW TO RE	PORT		TC	O FEW TO REP	ORT		550	39.56
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	631	29.00-35.00	32-33	32.22	625	28.00-35.00	32-33	32.82	3,111	32.70
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,171 3	30.00-38.00	34-35	34.21	1,090	31.00-38.00	34-35	34.47	5,693	34.26
WINGS (WHOLE)	285	60.00-79.00	70-75	72.28	286	63.00-80.00	72-75	72.67	1,428	72.26
WINGS (CUT)	295	33.00-94.00	86-90	88.63	375	83.00-94.00	87-91	89.77	1,540	89.19
DRUMSTICKS	100	39.00-56.00	-	42.60	100	39.00-56.00	-	42.60	429	42.76
THIGHS	TOO	FEW TO RE	PORT		TC	O FEW TO REP	ORT		226	34.32
B/S THIGHS	102	30.00-91.00	-	83.74	102	80.00-91.00	-	83.75	416	84.59
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TRADING FOR JUN 29, 2006 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

TRADING FOR JUN 30, 2006 -- F.O.B. DOCK. **TODAY'S AVERAGE 5-DAY AVERAGE RANGE**

RANGE TODAY'S AVERAGE 46.50 - 52.00 50.25 47.00 - 52.00 49.95 50.06 The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying activity increased under holiday demand and was noted as moderate to fairly good overall entering the weekend. Offerings of breast items were adequate to well cleared. Drumsticks, leg quarters and wings were in good balance to tight. Movement through retail and distributive channels was moderate to good. The market tone was at least steady for boneless skinless breasts. Dark meat cuts and wings were fully steady to firm. The balance of items were generally steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

JUN 29	CURRENT NEG	WTD		CURRENT NEG	WTD			JUN 30 WEEKLY
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AV	G VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	133.48	538,760	145-150	136.12	651,880	132.83	2,603,720
TENDERLOINS	120-125	115.64	135,720	120-125	113.39	259,020	114.35	758,523
BREAST - WITH RIBS	72-73	76.17	136,600	72-73	80.62	77,400	79.46	415,360
BREAST - LINE RUN	72	73.64	99,000	72	75.06	86,400	74.57	461,840
LEGS	43-44	46.09	76,620	43-44	42.54	275,040	43.01	670,967
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	34-35	35.01	251,360	34-35	35.01	399,800	34.75	1,473,450
DRUMSTICKS .	38-39	40.11	119,600	38-39	41.20	167,680	40.71	558,961
THIGHS	28-29	39.60	33,440	28-29	38.73	87,000	38.42	338,025
B/S THIGHS	83-84	87.80	116,360	83-84	83.99	99,880	84.48	442,080
WINGS (WHOLE)	73-74	74.18	204,600	74-75	71.85	207,300	71.87	977,500
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPP	ED) 10-12	12.28	37,200	10-12	11.91	17,920	11.82	108,920
LIVERS (5 POUND TÙBS)	30-35	25.57	13.360	30-35	26.23	15,160	27.85	64,120
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	45.29	11,080	40-45	45.06	23,120	44.73	87,120
INCLUDES: NY CITY MÉTRO. ARE	EA, RI, NORTHERI	N NJ, MA, C	T, PA (NORTHEA	ST OF HARRISBURG)	* NEG. SALES	AS OF 11:30 A.M		

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)								
								AVG
	ESTIN	/IATED	AC	TUAL	AVG	WT	ACTUAL	WTS
	06/30	06/29	06/28	06/27	06/28	06/27	06/23	06/21
Alabama	5,074	4,117	4,026	4,023	5.30	5.33	4,498	5.31
Arkansas	5,318	5,446	5,381	5,309	5.18	5.21	5,137	5.21
Delmarva	2,988	2,218	2,250	2,559	5.64	5.66	2,350	5.52
KY-LA-TN	2,225	2,194	2,161	2,270	4.99	5.05	2,796	5.05
Mississippi	3,665	2,949	2,910	2,892	5.77	5.77	2,708	5.71
North Carolin	na 3,549	2,638	2,583	2,558	6.88	6.79	2,826	6.77
Texas	2,525	2,498	2,536	2,533	5.29	5.23	2,510	5.27
Total	25,344	22,060	21,847	21,860	5.52	5.52	22,825	5.50
Mon-Fri	113,409((A)					110,827(A)	
Saturday	4,416((included	in total for	date sho	wn)		1,974	

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 30-Jun-06 and 01-Jul-06 is estimated to be 37,917,000 head up 10.70 percent from a week ago and down -12.81 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 34,251,000, last year 43,486,000) Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 01-Jul-06 is estimated to be 168,698,000 head up 1.03 percent from a week ago, and down 3.51 percent from a year ago. (Last week 166,972,000, last year 174,829,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS						
		RANGE				
FRESH FRYERS		94-98				
ROASTERS 4# & UP		97-105				
HENS UNDER 5#		-				
HENS OVER 5#		65-73				
DUCKS		-				
RABBITS-WHOLE		-				
RABBITS-CUT UP		-				
SAN FRANCISCO PROCE	SSED POULTRY	<i>(</i>				
DLVRD TO RESTAURANT	S AND INSTITU	TIONS				
		RANGE				
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	89-103				
	DRY PACK	108-114				
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	100				
	DRY PACK	111-118				
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	88-102				
	DRY PACK	102-109				
DUCKS		185-190				

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 17-Jun-06 (Preliminary).

ciassified by five w	n., week ending in		ary),
	(A) Fast food/	(B) Retail	(C) Deboning
	Food service		5.26 Lbs.
<u> </u>	4.20 Lbs. & down	4.21-5.25 Lbs.	<u>& Up</u>
	THC	DUSANDS	
Head	24,530	22,459	54,458
Avg Weight	3.65	4.65	6.33
% of total /1	24%	22%	54%
Comparisons			
Last week	26,117	20,797	56,914
Avg Weight	3.73	4.70	6.39
% of total /1	25%	20%	55%
Same week, yr ago	0 /2 26,026	26,861	44,300
Avg Weight	3.74	4.78	6.41
% of total /1	27%	28%	46%

661.559 /1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

643.163

To date/2006

To date/2005

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

463.834

524.841

1,296,859

1,176,369

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry. (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

<u>LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION</u> (Preliminary)

W/E 24-JUN-200	06 YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL	• ,
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	_	DUCKS
		THO	USANDS-		
Head	166,972	1,019	1,557	2,576	470
Avg Wt	5.30	3.29	8.15	6.23	6.69
Last week	163,708	1,025	1,684	2,709	489
Same wk yr ago	171,159	1,658	1,572	3,230	476
Avg Wt	5.29	3.20	8.18	5.62	6.65
To-date/2006	4,033,494	28,787	36,787	65,574	12,839
To-date/2005	3,980,119	38,864	34,521	73,385	12,476

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 164.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 169.0 million head, or 4.5 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYFR AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

	AVITVD	ILIT I COMI AINIOC	<u>/11</u>		
		MILLION HEAD	MILLION HEAD		AVG
WEEK EN	IDING	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE	PCT	WT
May	20	169.3	165.1	103%	5.42
	27	173.2	162.8	106%	5.37
June	3	144.6	163.1	89%	5.41
	10	168.3	165.4	102%	5.38
	17	165.7	166.0	100%	5.31
	24	169.0	164.5	103%	5.30
Year to da	ate	4082.5	4100.2	100%	
July	1		162.5		
	8		162.3		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

<u>Under Federal Inspection</u>							
THOUSANDS							
W/E	<u>07/01/06</u>	06/24/06	<u>% CHG</u>	07/02/05	% CHG		
Broilers	168,698	166,972*	+1.03	174,829*	-3.51		
Cattle	701	709	-01	654*	+07		
Hogs *ACTUAL	1,844	1,827	+01	1,880*	-02		

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 26-JUN-2006 **DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US** GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	151-155	157-161
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	132-142	133-143
MOSTLY		

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	53.00-64.00	57.00-60.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65.50-86.25	68.00-76.25

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES 62.64 - 85.05 12 OZ.

14 OZ. 69.12 - 96.39 16 OZ. 74.88 - 106.73

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA RI, SC, VA, VT & WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices unchanged to slightly higher for whole birds and the parts prices were mixed. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were balanced to adequate. Schedules full time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-2.40, gizzards at \$1.20-1.40, wings at \$0.70-0.65, livers at \$0.95-1.70, and feet at \$.65-1.00.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 26-JUN-2006

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	129-146	130-148

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - June 27, 2006

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY **Due to Independence Day holiday - No Sales on July 4, 2006**

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.	RANGE			
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	- 1.20			
Doves	4.00 - 5.00ea.			
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.4550			
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.5070			
Guinea Fowl	.6580			
Banty Roosters	2.00 - 2.25			
Leghorn Hens	.2530ea.			
Silkies	1.50 - 2.00ea.			
Geese 9-14 LBS	.4060			
Pigeons	1.50 - 2.00ea.			
White Pigeons	3.75 - 4.50ea.			
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.50 - 1.80ea.			
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.00 - 1.05ea.			
Bunnies	.50 - 2.00ea.			
Guinea Pigs	1.00 - 2.00ea.			
Goats	-45.00ea.			
Kid Goats	25.00 - 35.00ea.			
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.3040			
Total Coops S	old 560			

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report on heavy canners; unchanged on the lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for the mostly light to no better than fair demand; with most available supplies of heavy canners being used internally. Demand was light to fair. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady to barely steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)
(WITHOUT NECKS)

18-26 MAJORITY 22-24 TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

(WITHOUT NECKS)

19-28 MAJORITY 24-25 TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to moderate, best for rendering operations. Offerings of spent hens ranged adequate to available for current trade requirements. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST 4-11 7-10

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Costs to remove light type hens were TFEWR. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about steady.

REMOVAL COST

ROST TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate and best into rendering operations. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Schedules reduced for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

RANGE MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST 2.5-10 2.5-7

<u>WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN</u> Plant schedules moderate. Offerings adequate.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 03-JUL-06

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was no better than fair for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week were noted as less than normal due to the holiday. Sales of finished product was generally light to fair. The undertone was barely steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

was barely steady.
AT FARM BUYER LOADING
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING
FOB PLANT

RANGE MAJORITY
TOO FEW TO REPORT
TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS, SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Trading was TFEWR on spent heavy hens. Demand was moderate for fully adequte supplies at primary users. Schedules were reduced for next week. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

RANGE MAJORITY
TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS, SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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